

Mayor Mary Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Kay Carlquist, Robert Jurca, and Guy Pfalzgraff, along with City Manager Lanny Sloan and City Attorney Mike Schottelkotte. Absent was Councilmember Bill Seuell. A meeting notice was posted in the south window at City Hall at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

City Manager Lanny Sloan stated that item K (Code Review) needs to be removed.

Minutes

It was moved by Councilmember Carlquist and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to approve the minutes of September 1, 2009 regular meeting as submitted by the Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Comments

There were none.

Financial Report

Finance Director Tod DeZeeuw presented the financial report for period ending August 31, 2009 and answered questions from Council.

Volunteers of America Request to Waive Utility Fees at the Senior Center

City Manager Lanny Sloan introduced Craig Ammerman with Volunteers of America.

Mr. Ammerman stated that he is the regional director for Volunteers of America (VOA). He explained that in July VOA took over senior meal services that were currently being provided by Columbine Senior Services. Prior to July 1st they were requesting some concessions. One item that was missed was the utilities at the senior site here in Delta. He updated Council on how many meals they provide throughout the area. He requested that the utilities be waived to help sustain the meal program for the seniors. He explained that they do not pay utilities at any other site.

Mayor Cooper questioned if VOA was currently paying rent at any of the other locations.

Mr. Ammerman stated that they are not paying any rent on seven of the eight sites.

There was discussion on how many meals are served in Delta.

Mr. Ammerman explained that they did move their business office to their Eckert location and by doing that they did reduce administrative and efficiency costs.

Councilmember Carlquist questioned if they currently pay rent in Delta and if the City provides for the maintenance.

Mr. Ammerman stated that is correct.

Mayor Cooper responded by saying that the City would be subsidizing a dollar a meal by waiving the utilities.

Councilmember Pfalzgraff questioned what changed.

Mr. Ammerman stated that when they took over from Columbine they went into it with an effort to find efficiencies to make it sustainable to continue the program.

City Manager Lanny Sloan commented that when VOA was looking at taking over the program they were notified that the City would allow them to use the building with the same conditions

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that were currently offered. He explained those conditions to include the major maintenance being provided by the City and the building is rent free. However, the utilities needed to be paid.

Mr. Sloan explained that he had some seniors in his office stating concerns with the services they are receiving from VOA. He talked with Lee Bartlett with Region 10 about those concerns. Mr. Bartlett stated VOA was given a mandate to provide meals as efficiently and cost effective as possible. The other services that the seniors were receiving are not part of what VOA was offering.

Mayor Cooper stated that it was very clear up front that the City was not going to supply the utilities.

Councilmember Jurca also stated that in the past the City has not waived fees due to the fact it would need to be budgeted.

It was moved by Councilmember Carlquist and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to deny Volunteers of America's request to waive utility fees for the Senior Center. All in favor, motion carried.

Horse Country Arena Proposal

Mayor Cooper stated that Council has been doing some studying and Council would like to propose to keep the Horse Country Arena open for another year. Hopefully with the proposal that was submitted by the advisory group everyone can work together to keep it going. In one year everyone will get together to see where things are at.

Joann Barnet stated that they are delighted in Council's decision. She also stated that Jamie Taylor has made a power point presentation addressing the questions that have come up. Ms. Barnet presented Council with a packet with petitions and letters of support from businesses.

Jamie Taylor presented Council the presentation.

The following individuals commented on the Horse Country Arena:

- Kristi Ross-Kjeldgaard, 36244 Hwy 133, Hotchkiss
- Vicky Conley, 20935 Fairview Road, Austin
- Chris Miller, 1158 Grand Ave, Delta
- Dave Huercamp, 20067 H Road, Delta

Public Hearing: Special Events Permit Application; Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta Foundation

The Mayor closed the regular meeting and convened a public hearing.

The Clerk explained that Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta Foundation has submitted a special events permit application for their fund raising event to be held at Bill Heddles Recreation Center on November 20 and 21, 2009. The application states that they plan to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquor from 4:00pm to 11:00pm on the 20th and from 9:00am to 6:00pm on the 21st. She stated that all the fees have been paid to the State and to the City. A sign notifying the public of this hearing has been posted at the site for at least ten days and there have been no comments for or against the approval of the application.

The Mayor called for public comment and when there was none she closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Jurca and seconded by Councilmember Pfalzgraff to approve Altrusa's application for a special events permit for November 20 and 21, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

Gunnison Tunnel Celebration Day Proclamation

The Mayor read the proclamation.

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Offer from Colorado Rural Housing to Withdraw Housing Discrimination Charge

City Manager Lanny Sloan explained that Colorado Rural Housing has submitted a written offer to withdraw the discrimination complaint against the City if certain conditions were met. Mr. Sloan stated that it is recommended by the City's Attorney Earl Rhodes to have Council prepare a resolution rejecting the offer. He explained the reasons for the rejecting of the offer.

It was moved by Councilmember Carlquist and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to have the City Manager prepare a resolution to be considered at the October 6, 2009 Regular Council Meeting that rejects the offer of Colorado Rural Housing to withdraw the housing discrimination charge if certain conditions are met. All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney Comments

There were none.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Lanny Sloan stated that the City has been selected to continue with process with a DOLA grant for Confluence Drive. He also reminded everyone of Pow Wow this weekend.

Councilmember Comments

Councilmembers Carlquist and Jurca commented on seeing all of the support for the Horse Country Arena.

Councilmember Pfalzgraff stated he is looking forward to Pow Wow.

Mayor Cooper commented on the following items:

- Grateful for coming to a working agreement for the Horse Country Arena.
- She received an invitation for the Gunnison Tunnel celebration.
- Gail Schwartz will be at business after hours at Alpine Bank.
- Josh Penry will be at the Rec Center tomorrow.
- Scott McGinnis will be at West Minster Hall on October 6th.
- Scott Tipton will be at the Creamery Center in Hotchkiss on Thursday.
- Attended a meeting with DMEA regarding an update on the power line.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Jolene E. Nelson, City Clerk